(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Government is following a policy of partial control with dual pricing in respect of sugar and there is no proposal to revise this policy at present.

(c) and (d) The licensing policy guidelines for sugar industry are presently being reviewed by the Government. These new applications would be considered as per the policy formulated after the aforesaid review.

Conversion of MG Line into BG line between Miraj to Bangalore

1817. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the meter gauge line to broad gauge line would be changed in between Miraj to Bangalore;

(b) by what time it would be completed;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned funds for this purpose; and

(d) whether any meter gauge line to broad gauge line would be changed in Karnataka in the near future; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no proposal for taking up the work at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Work for conversion of Bangalore-Mysore MG line into BG has already been taken up and is targeted for completion in 1992-93.

Misuse of Telephones by Officers of E.P.F. Organisation

1818. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the top officers viz. Central Provident Fund Commissioner and Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner have been misusing the residential telephones extensively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Auditors, while auditing the accounts of the E.P.F. Organisation (Central Office), have pointed out glaring example of misuse of telephones in the Audit Report of the year 1990; and

(c) if so, whether the objections made by them have been rectified and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Audit Party had in their Inspection Report of the Central Office made certain observations regarding alleged misuse of telephone by the officers of the EPF Organisation. The observations were, however, dropped, after the position was explained to them.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of Satellite towns in the country

1819. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent studies have shown that the pace of urbanisation has declined in major metropolitan cities;

(b) the steps being taken to encourage development of satellite towns near State Capital;

(c) whether any financial aid would be given to States for development of satellite towns to slow down urbanisation;

(d) whether there is any such scheme already in force; and

(e) whether Government have received any demands in this regard from Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A comparison of the 1981 census figures with the provisional figures for the year 1991 indicates that the population growth has declined in ten metropolitan cities and has increased in two cities as shown below:—

S.No.	City	Growth Rate in Percentage	
		1971-81	1981-91
1	Calcutta (UA)	23.90	18.17
2	Greater Bombay (MC)	38.07	20.29
3	Delhi (UA)	57.09	46.58
4	Madras (UA)	35.31	25.23
5	Hyderabad (UA)	41.72	68.77
6	Bangalore	75.56	41.23
7	Ahmedabad	45.40	30.27
8	Pune	48.55	45.23
9	Kanpur	28.53	24.26
10	Lucknow	23.79	64.35
11	Nagpur	39.94	26.92
12	Jaipur	49.42	51.00

(b) Urban Development is the responsibility of the State Governments. As such it is left to the State Government to formulate and implement schemes for decongesting the existing metropolitan towns by providing infrastructure and other facilities to towns in the proximity of the major metropolitan cities to act as satellite towns.

Under he Centrally sponsored IDSMT scheme, the Central Government is giving assistance for small and medium towns. These towns are expected to act as buffers between rural hinterlands and the major metropolitan cities which include the State Capitals also.

(c) and (d) There is no specific scheme such as development of satellite cities with the Government of India.

In consonance with the policy of decongesting the metropolitan cities, financial assistance is being made available to the National Capital Region Planning Board for coordinating the investments by various Ministries of the Central Government for the Development of various towns and cities close to the national capital, Delhi.

(e) No, Sir.

1820. [*Trsanferred to* 1 *August*, 1991]